

# News from the Illinois Commerce Commission

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## **ICC approves highway-railroad improvements in Decatur**

The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved plans for a public safety improvement project involving the installation of automatic flashing light signals and gates controlled by constant warning time circuitry, installation of an Advance Warning sign and railroad pavement markings on the south highway approach at the Moffet Lane crossing of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's track in Decatur. The crossing presently is equipped with automatic flashing light signals, but no gates.

The cost to install new automatic flashing light signals and gates at the Moffet Lane crossing is estimated at \$189,572. The Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) will be used to pay 30 percent of the installation costs, not to exceed \$56,872. IDOT, utilizing federal funds, will pay the remaining installation costs, not to exceed \$132,700. The Norfolk Southern Railway will pay all future operating and maintenance costs. The City of Decatur will pay to install and maintain an Advance Warning sign and railroad pavement markings on the south approach to the crossing.

The project must be completed by Nov. 29, 2007.

### **ABOUT THE GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND (GCPF)**

Project selection and management of GCPF highway-rail safety projects include safety improvements such as the installation of new warning systems, highway approach improvements and the construction/reconstruction of grade separation structures. The Commission administers the GCPF, which is funded by motor fuel tax money designated for rail safety improvements. The General Assembly appropriates \$27 million annually for GCPF projects.

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